



Board of Trustees Meeting 19-07-2011

Present

Clare Solomon – ULU President

Sean Rillo – Raczka – ULU President (incoming)

Viktoria Szmolar - ULU Vice President

Stuart DeBoos - External Trustee

Jodi Ekelchik – External Trustee

Mark Berry - HOC Trustee

Hannah Kelly - Elected Student Trustee

Abs Hassanali - Elected Student Trustee (incoming)

Ross Spear - Elected Student Trustee (incoming)

In Attendance

Julie Adams – ULU General Manager

Amber Rosier - ULU

1. Welcome from the Chair

The chair opened the meeting at 16:41 although the meeting was not at quorate so no voting was to take place.

2. Apologies

Apologies were made from Maham, Daniel Valentine and Vraj Domalip who were absent.

3. Minutes from the Last Meeting

It was noted that there was nothing to be changed.

CS noted that in Joe Rennison's report it was noted that LSMC was to discuss the issue further although this has not happened, but since he has now left this matter should not go any further.

The minutes were approved pending the arrival of James Meadway and confirmation from him.

4. Matters Arising

There were no Matters arising.

5. ULU Senate Minutes for 18/05/2011

SR-R requested that BOT and Senate met at different times next year so that the minutes can be confirmed and circulated prior to meetings.

6. Financial Accounts

JA noted that the report had been submitted to the Board prior to the meeting.

JA noted that the balance sheet had been submitted as well and asked the Board to note the section on current assets.

NOTED: James Meadway entered the meeting at 16:50 and the meeting was therefore declared at quorate.

MB questioned if there was a policy in place as to who ULU can invest with and if it would be possible to limit it and if it would be possible to have a credit rating on which we could base the investments in order to protect the funds that ULU has.

CS questioned as to what is happening with the surplus from the Sports Development Fund from 2010.

JA responded that the money will not be carried over but has gone into the surplus from last year. JA also noted that VS and Angela Jelfs had been endeavouring to ensure that all the money from 2011 will be spent towards the development of the ULU Sports clubs.

Report was approved.

It was noted that JM approved the minutes discussed earlier in the meeting.

7. MPV Report

JA presented the report to the Board.

VS noted that the MPVs are used very frequently by the clubs and societies and that it is essential to them.

RS questioned if it would be cheaper to own the Buses.

JA responded that whilst leasing there are lower maintenance costs.

MB asked what the annual mileage is.

JA responded that she was unsure.

MB suggested looking into environmentally friendly options.

JA responded that she would be happy to look into this.

SR-R requested percentage of usage per vehicle.

SDB requested that there should be further alternatives offered in the presentation of this paper.

MB suggested renting out the MPV to the other Unions.

JA responded that with Insurance restrictions this could be difficult.

JE requested that the report was presented again to the BOT at the next meeting with a fuller report containing alternatives.

JA stated that this would have to be done via e-mail due to dates of the next meeting.

The report was approved.

8. Reports from Officers

i. Clare Solomon, President

CS gave a verbal report and noted on the success with the Wardens as well as an update on the activities of ULU during the past few months.

CS noted that the ULU Summer training was approaching in the following week and gave a report on the details of the training.

SR-R requested that an updated list of attendees be sent out.

JA agreed that she would do this.

JE requested that reports were written and sent out prior to the meeting for all to read though before attending the meeting.

The report was approved.

ii. Viktoria Szmolar, Vice President

The report was as tabled.

VS questioned the budget for Student Activities.

SRR responded that this is normally the responsibility and policy of the Trustee Board.

JE suggested that such matters were to be discussed with the particular members of staff in the SA department.

The Report was approved.

iii. Joe Rennison, London Student

VS noted that there was no written report from the London Student Editor since he was on annual leave but that he would be happy to give a verbal report if they required.

9. Reports from Standing Committees

i. Student Activities

It was noted that the Report was as tabled.

The Report was approved.

- ii. London Student Management Committee**
CS noted that she had concerns on this report.
The Report was approved.

- iii. Appointments Committee**

No Report was Submitted.

- iv. Standards and Ethics Committee**
No Report was Submitted.

- v. Executive Committee**
It was noted that the report was as tabled.
The Report was approved.

10. London Student Proposal

This report was moved on to later on the agenda.

11. London Student Regulations Amendments.

This report was moved on to later on in the agenda.

12. ULU Financial Regulations Amendments

MB questioned as to the existence of a reserve policy.

JA stated that this was outstanding.

It was noted that the Reserve policy will need to be drafted up.

The report was approved.

13. ULU and the Olympics

JA gave an update on the report.

JM noted that there were some countries which had conflicting political values to those held by the students at ULU and this therefore may be something that will have to be discussed at Senate.

VS questioned if ULU could look at other companies offering the same service.

The report was approved.

14. Decoration of the pool ceiling area.

VS questioned if this was the responsibility of the Landlords of the building.

CS requested that the company hired should be an ethical company and one whose policies were in line with those of ULU.

The report was approved.

15. Replacement of Furniture in the Gallery Area

JA delivered the report.

The report was approved.

16. Premises budget request

The report was approved.

17. London Student Proposal

The incoming London Student Editor was brought into the meeting to discuss his proposal at 18:00.

The Chair introduced Hesham to the Board.

The report was delivered to the Board by the Editor of the London Student.

CS noted that much discussion had already taken place on this topic.

There was a discussion as to the payment of these proposed individuals and whether a responsible employer can offer a 0 hour contract.

JM raised the issue of turnover and retention of staff.

JM noted that perhaps the length and therefore cost of the London Student could be reduced.

CS requested a month by month projection of costs and income to which LS Editor responded that such a report would be based on entirely spurious figures.

CS noted the amendment to the Proposal that a guaranteed two week wage would be agreed with the individuals and then after that they would move to the commission basis.

CS requested that the Board moved to vote on the motion with the amendments to pay for at least 10 hours a week.

Consensus. The report was approved.

18. London Student Regulations Amendments

The report was approved.

19. Campaigning and ULU's charity status

MB gave a verbal report.

MB suggests that this issue should be left alone unless ULU funds are being used for these purposes.

MB noted that he was satisfied with his investigation.

CS noted that she was also satisfied that this matter had been resolved.

The report was approved.

20. The New College for the Humanities (NCH)

This was moved to the next BOT meeting.

21. Any Other Business

**CS gave a statement of gratitude to the Board.
It was noted that there was no remaining business.**